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SUBJ: STEEL VRA -- US- JAPAN CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF CARBON COLD FINISHED STEEL BARS (CFSB) WITH TAD YAMADA AND WITH HIURA OF JAPAN STEEL EXPORTERS' ASSN. WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YAMADA TO WASHINGTON TALKS. THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER AT THAT TIME.

2. HIURA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME CHANGE IN JAPANESE CLASSIFICATION PRACTICE OR THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER AROUND THE FIRST OF THIS YEAR. HE REFERRED EMBASSY TO SPECIAL STEEL DIVISION, JAPAN IRON AND STEEL FEDERATION. MR. HIRANO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL STEEL DIVISION, SAID THAT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE NO CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE IN JAPANESE CLASSIFICATION. QUESTION OF CHANGING CLASSIFICATION OF ALLOY STEEL FROM 0.1 PERCENT CONTENT OF LEAD AND SULFUR TO 0.35 PERCENT HAD BEEN RAISED IN 1968 AND A PROPOSAL TO MAKE SUCH A CHANGE HAD BEEN REFERRED BY GOJ TO A BTN WORKING GROUP. HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY FURTHER ACTION SINCE THAT TIME. EMBASSY QUERY TO GOJ CUSTOMS, MOF, PRODUCED RESPONSE THAT NO CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE IN OFFICIAL GOJ CLASSIFICATION OF CFSB.

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